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GOVERNOR OF MONTANA

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Forrest H. Anderson

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24 October 1972

Honorable Forrest H. Anderson
Governor of the State of Montana
State Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Governor Anderson:

The Highway Patrol takes pleasure in submitting to you this annual report, as required by Section 82-4002, R. C. M., 1947.

This report shows continued progress by the Highway Patrol in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities to the people of the State of Montana. Your support of our programs and policies has helped to gain this status. We look forward to a continuation and expansion of efforts to better the plight of all Montanans and their visitors in the area of traffic safety.

Major accomplishments during the year include:

* Amplified enforcement under implied consent laws;
* Conducted public education programs;
* Expanded in-service training;
* Increased activity by department personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. McKay

ROBERT H. McKAY, Colonel
Acting Chief, Montana Highway Patrol

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PRINCIPAL OFFICES AND OFFICERS

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL BOARD

OFFICER TERM OF OFFICE	HOME ADDRESS
George Vucanovich 2/1/71 - 2/1/75	504 Power, Helena
William M. Kessner, Vice Chairman 2/1/69 - 2/1/73	P.O. Box 500, Black Eagle
G. R. Cooney, Member 2/1/69 - 2/1/73	600 So. Arizona, Butte
Pierre L. Bacheller, Member 3/14/72 - 2/1/73	P.O. Box 20235, Billings
Jay Lalonde, Member 4/28/72 - 2/1/75	P.O. Box 71, Sidney

PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Colonel Robert H. McKay, Chief

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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1014 National Ave.
Helena

LEGAL REFERENCES

GENERALLY

The Highway Patrol was created under Section 1741.2 through 1741.12, R. C. M., 1935, and is now coded as Section 31-101 through 31-116, R. C. M., 1947.

Policies are contained in the Montana Highway Patrol Operations Manual, Volumes 1 and 2, and the Driver Examiner Handbook.

Driver License Program

The Driver Examination Section was created under Sections 31-117 through 31-174, R. C. M., 1947. Further authorities are found in Section 95-618, Section 75-7003, Section 32-21-163 through 32-21-165, Section 94-801.2, and Sections 53-418 through 53-458.

Field Services

The field services program functions under the statutes outlined in the following sub-groups.

Livestock-Littering -- Sections 32-1018 through 32-1022, Sections 46-801 through 46-806.

Accident Reporting -- Sections 32-1201 through 32-1217.

Rules of the Road -- Sections 32-2101 through 32-21-113.

Vehicle Equipment -- Sections 32-21-114 through 32-21-175.

Motor Vehicle Registration -- Sections 53-101 through 53-302, Sections 84-6601 through 84-6604, and Sections 53-1012 through 53-1028.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Commercial Vehicle Regulation -- Sections 32-1110 through 32-3406, and Sections 53-624 through 53-803.

Miscellaneous -- various sections of Montana tax and criminal statutes.

PRINCIPAL GOALS

The goals of the Montana Highway Patrol are set by the laws fostering its existence.

The Patrol is in constant pursuit of our stated goals of safety for all individuals using the State's highway system through accident prevention, investigation and analysis.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Concentrated Enforcement

A concentrated enforcement program was directed against the drinking driver under implied consent laws.

2. Public Education

Public education programs, such as the defensive driving course, school bus drivers and owners seminars, safety programs in elementary and high schools, were conducted throughout the State.

3. In-service Training

The Highway Patrol provided in-service training programs for Patrol personnel and other enforcement agencies in the areas of accident investigation, firearms training, implied consent laws, laws of arrest, and search and seizure throughout the State on a continuing basis.

Four members of this department received training at Northwestern University Traffic Institute in driver licensing, driver improvement and accident investigation.

The department provided instructors to the benefit of other agencies at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy at Bozeman, Montana, throughout the year.

4. Increased Activity

Department records indicate increased activity by department personnel in most areas of official responsibility.

PROGRAM - PATROL OPERATIONS

GOAL

General administration of department finances, logistics and supervision of personnel.

OBJECTIVES

Planning, coordinating and directing the efforts of the department toward providing improved service to the citizens of the State.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Public education programs, such as the defensive driving course, school bus drivers and owners seminars, safety programs in elementary and high schools, were conducted throughout the State.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	Fiscal Year		
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cost	$336,315.91	$329,729.95	$373,182.00
Performance:			
Hours spent on safety presentations	1,262	1,290	1,991
School bus inspections performed	1,837	1,172	1,357
Hours spent administering defensive driving course, various school bus driver seminars, first aid courses	3,500	4,200	1,034

PROGRAM - DRIVER LICENSING

GOAL

Renewal of driver licenses. Examine new applicants and persons experiencing driving difficulties. Maintain a complete records system containing each driver's history.

Administration of the Safety Responsibility Act.

OBJECTIVES

Montana's driver licensing and driver improvement programs are intended to reduce driver error, thereby contributing to the overall program of highway safety.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Increased programs in driver correction through the Driver Improvement Program.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	Fiscal Year		
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cost	$616,543.00	$648,405.47	$701,852.00
Performance:			
Licenses renewed	139,717	176,742	161,621
New licences issued	42,243	42,408	38,653
Licenses suspended driver improvement program	3,282	1,155	1,352
Licenses revoked	1,560	1,777	1,972
Licenses suspended Safety Responsibility Law	3,293	3,665	1,500

PROGRAM - FIELD SERVICES

GOAL

Commercial vehicle enforcement, traffic patrol, accident investigation, mercy details, auto theft investigation, rescue detail, subpoena service, vehicle inspection, livestock inspection, and traffic law enforcement.

OBJECTIVES

Movement of traffic from point of origin to destination as quickly and safely as possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Increased personal contact with the motoring public in both the areas of education and enforcement is significant.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	Fiscal Year		
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cost	$1,633,433.72	$1,871,478.38	$2,180,277.00
Performance:			
Total citations and warnings	91,505	103,428	98,088
Total accidents investigated	7,410	7,223	8,194

PROGRAM - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGULATION

GOAL

Gross vehicle weight law enforcement, registration enforcement, weighing detail, truck inspection, gross vehicle weight fees collections, Diesel gas tax enforcement, and public information.

OBJECTIVES

Curtailment of illegal activity by enforcement of weight regulations, registration fees and required tax permits by commercial haulers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

This program aided in the collection of fees related to commercial vehicle regulation. In addition, the program aided in the registration of commercial vehicles engaged in seasonal agricultural operations.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	Fiscal Year		
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cost	$142,085.43	$177,721.59	$189,507.00
Performance:			
Personal contact with commercial, agricultural and forest product hauling vehicles	24,755	10,596	6,583

PROGRAM COST SUMMARY

	GY 1970-71	FY 1971-72	Increase (Decrease)	
Patrol Operations	$ 516,264	$ 373,182	$ (143,082)	(1)
Driver Licensing	648,406	701,852	53,446	
Field Services	1,871,478	2,180,277	308,799	
Commercial Veh. Reg.	177,721	189,507	11,786	
TOTAL PROGRAMS	$ 3,213,869	$ 3,444,818	$ 230,949	
Personal Services	$ 1,940,947	$ 2,198,142	$ 257,195	
Operating Expenses	842,190	826,116	(16,074)	
Capital	244,197	359,869	115,672	
Grants & Benefits	186,535	60,691	(125,844)	
TOTAL BY CATEGORY	$ 3,213,869	$ 3,444,818	$ 230,949	
General Fund	$ 2,758,451	$ 1,444,430	(1,314,021)	(2)
Earmarked Revenue Fund	177,721	1,883,580	1,705,859	(2)
Federal & Priv. Rev. Fund	91,163	56,076	(35,087)	
Patrol Retirement Fund	186,534	60,691	(125,843)	(1)
Revolving Fund		41	41	
TOTAL FUNDING	$ 3,213,869	$ 3,444,818	$ 230,949	

(1) Result of transfer of the Patrol Retirement Fund to Public Employees Retirement System.

(2) Legislative action which authorized expenditures for salaries to be derived from the Earmarked Revenue Fund rather than the General Fund.